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SUBJECT: STRUCTURED LABOR MISSION 1973

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1. SLOVENIAN LABOR SECRETARIAT INFORMED CONGEN MID-JULY THAT SLOVENIA HAD DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT PARTICIPATE IN STRUCTURED LABOR SEMINAR. REASON GIVEN WAS "LACK OF INTEREST AT WORKING LEVEL." COMING ON HEELS OF CROATIAN DECISION (REF A) NOT TO PARTICIPATE, SLOVENIAN DECISION RAISES POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER REPUBLICS/PROVINCES MIGHT BACK OUT AS WELL.

2. EMBOFF SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF EXISTING SITUATION FROM FEDERAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR FRANIC ON JULY 30. FRANIC WAS AWARE OF CROATIAN AND SLOVENIAN DECISIONS BUT OFFERED NO EXPLANATION FOR THEIR DECISIONS BEYOND THOSE PROFERRED BY CROATIAN AND SLOVENIAN LABOR SECRETARIATS. AS FOR REMAINING FIVE REPUBLICS AND PROVINCES, FRANIC OFFERED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AND INFORM EMBASSY BY AUGUST 10 WHETHER THEY STILL INTERESTED IN HOSTING SEMINAR. EMBASSY EFFORTS TO QUERY RESPONSIBLE REPUBLIC AND PROVINCE OFFICIALS DIRECTLY HAVE BEEN HAMPERED BY FACT THAT MOST ARE AWAY ON ANNUAL LEAVE. BOSNIA/HERZEGOVINA, (DEPUTY LABOR SECRETARY MORIAT) WAS CONTACTED BY
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EMBASSY JULY 24, HOWEVER, AND HE ASSURED US THAT B/H STILL PLANS

TO HOST SEMINAR IN SARAJEVO.

3. COMMENT. EMBASSY UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME WHETHER CROATIAN AND SLOVENIAN DECISIONS NOT TO PARTICIPATE ARE FORERUNNERS OF WITHDRAWALS BY OTHER REPUBLICS AS WELL. WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR MAKE NO REPEAT NO EXPENDITURE ON STRUCTURED LABOR MISSION UNTIL EMBASSY ADVISED BY FRANIC WHETHER OTHER REPUBLICS/PROVINCES STILL INTEND TO HOST SEMINAR.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER LABOR MISSION CAN STILL BE HELD IF FEWER THAN FIVE REPUBLICS/PROVINCES PARTICIPATE. EMBASSY RECALLS FROM SNOW/WEINGARTEN CONVERSATIONS IN APRIL THAT FIVE PRESENTATIONS REGARDED BY LABOR DEPARTMENT AS MINIMUM NECESSARY FOR STRUCTURED LABOR MISSION.
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